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SUBJ: KNCC DECLARATION ON MYONGDONG DECISION

REF: SEOUL 2329 (DTG 230911Z MAR 77)

1. ON MARCH 31, YI CHIK-HYONG, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN KOREA (KNCC), GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF DECLARATION, WHICH COMMITTEE HAD RELEASED ON MARCH 25, AFTER A PRAYER SERVICE BUT WHICH, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HAS NOT YET BEEN REFERRED TO IN PUBLIC PRINT. DOCUMENT BEGINS WITH PHRASE "WE CANNOT SUPPRESS OUR RAGE AND ASTONISHMENT AT THE ANTI-HUMAN-RIGHTS TYRANNY OF POWER," SHOWN IN THE SUPREME COURT'S MYONGDONG RULING, EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER FATE OF NATION AND DEMOCRACY, CLAIMS MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS NOT GUILTY AND THAT COURT ABANDONED PRINCIPLE OF LAW, AND FINALLY DECLARES ROKG MUST REVISE LEGAL SYSTEM, RELEASE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, AND REALIZE TRUE SEPARATION OF POWERS. KOREAN CHURCHES ARE ENJOINED TO PRAY FOR MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS, WHO NOT GUILTY BEFORE GOD, AND WORLD CHURCHES ARE ASKED TO MAKE
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WORLD-WIDE HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS.

2. ALTHOUGH DECLARATION CLEARLY VIOLATES EM-9, YI COMMENTED THAT COMMITTEE HAD OPENLY DISTRIBUTED AROUND 300 COPIES OF DOCUMENT, BUT THE AUTHORITIES "DON'T SEEM TO WANT TO MAKE A CASE OF IT." THIS APPEARS TO BE

ANOTHER CLEAR EXAMPLE OF CURRENT ROKG RESTRAINT TO AVOID
FURTHER TARNISHING ROKG IMAGE ABROAD.

3. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED.
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